

PERTANGGUNG JAWABAN PIDANA KORPORASI AKIBAT PEMBERITAAN DI MEDIA MASSA

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Journalism, which should deserve protection based on universal principles of the freedom of press, is still considered a risk profession in Indonesia. This is because the press bill has not fully protected journalists in carrying out their duty. The fact is that they are often threatened by criminal law punishment for story exposure. It is this condition which is thought to block the freedom of press which has run since the reform era. All should know that the freedom of press is one of a democratic country's characters.

On one side the freedom of press is very important to accelerate the process of democratization in a country. But, on the other side the journalists have not got any individual right protection yet. Therefore they have to obey the existing law to avoid breaking law. Journalists must be responsible for what they expose to the public. If they break law, they must be punished and deserve equality before the law.

The journalists are not alone. The media industry, where they work, also takes responsibility for something the journalist has done. A wise-word says hands grab, shoulders support. It means anyone takes an action he should takes responsibility for something he has done. In media industry, it is not just the employee who takes responsibility, the company should do so because what is done by someone or a group of people in running the organization or corporate activities is for and on behalf of the corporate and is aimed at giving benefits and earning some money for the sake of the company. Therefore a party who deserves heavier punishment is the corporate, not the journalist. He does not deserve prison punishment.